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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2015–16 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1802**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chávez**

February 8, 2016

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An act to amend Sections 13901 and 13902 of the Government Code, relating to state government.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 1802, as amended, Chávez. California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board: membership.

Existing law establishes, within the Government Operations Agency, the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board, composed of the Secretary of Government Operations, or his or her designee, the Controller, and a 3rd member who is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of, the Governor. Existing law requires specific compensation for the member who is appointed by the Governor, unless that member is a state officer. Administrative costs of the board are paid from the Restitution Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, except for specific costs that include, among others, the administrative costs of the board, which are subject to annual review through the state budget process.

This bill would add 2 members to the board who would be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. One new member would be an ~~expert~~ *expert, as defined*, in the rights of crime victims ~~or a representative of a recognized organization that advocates for the rights of crime victims~~, and the other new member would be a physician, psychiatrist, or psychologist with expertise in treating or providing services to crime victims. The bill would provide specific compensation

for any member who is not a state officer, would specify that the Controller may designate an individual to serve on the board as his or her designee, and would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 13901 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 13901. (a) There is, within the Government Operations  
4 Agency, the California Victim Compensation and Government  
5 Claims Board.  
6 (b) The board shall be composed of all the following members:  
7 (1) The Secretary of Government Operations, or his or her  
8 designee.  
9 (2) The Controller, or his or her designee.  
10 (3) One member who shall be appointed by, and serve at the  
11 pleasure of, the Governor. This member may be a state officer.  
12 (4) One member who shall be appointed by, and serve at the  
13 pleasure of, the Governor and an expert in the rights of crime  
14 ~~victims or a representative of a recognized organization that~~  
15 ~~advocates for the rights of crime~~ victims. *As used in this in*  
16 *paragraph, "expert" means someone who is qualified by education,*  
17 *training, and work experience; possesses a baccalaureate or*  
18 *advanced degree or is credentialed by the National Advocate*  
19 *Credentialing Program; and has a minimum of two years of*  
20 *experience in social work or victim advocacy.*  
21 (5) One member who shall be appointed by, and serve at the  
22 pleasure of, the Governor and a physician, psychiatrist, or  
23 psychologist with expertise in treating or providing services to  
24 crime victims.  
25 (c) Any reference in statute or regulation to the State Board of  
26 Control shall be construed to refer to the California Victim  
27 Compensation and Government Claims Board.  
28 SEC. 2. Section 13902 of the Government Code is amended  
29 to read:  
30 13902. A member of the board who is not a state officer shall  
31 receive fifty dollars (\$50) for every day of actual attendance at

- 1 meetings of the board not in excess of eight meetings per month,
- 2 together with necessary traveling expenses in attending these
- 3 meetings.

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